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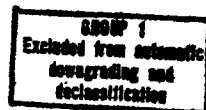
The following figures, which were obtained from LNERCO, represent the total Soviet PCS presence in the USA (including those Soviets assigned to the Soviet Mission to the UN but not those travelling to the periodic sessions of the UN General Assembly) as of 1 March of the respective years: 1950, 243; 1955, 211; 1960, 225; 1965, 415; 1967, 539. We surmise that the low figures for 1955 and 1960 may reflect cold war "isolationism" on the part of the Soviets. During the '50's, Soviet trade with the West was at an ebb and Soviet representation in the various UN organs was minimal. At the same time, the higher figure for 1950 may also reflect a possible beefing up of the RIS collection effort against the USA nuclear energy target since the latter represented the Soviet Union's compelling intel priority at that time.

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